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At a meeting of the Genl. Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas began and held on Monday the third day of October 1825 The following Members of the House of Representatives appeared were qualified and took their seats

to wit,

1 John Wilson from Hempsted County
2 Wm Montgomery from Arkansas County
3 John Callaway from Clarke County
4 Ambrose H. Sevier from Pulaski County
5 H. L. Biscoe from Phillips County
6 John Hynes from Lawrence County
7 John Hicks from Crawford County
8 Robert Bean from Independance County

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Election of Clerks for the House, when on counting the votes it was found that David Barber was unanimously elected

The Clerk having taken the chair the House then proceeded to the Election of a Speaker when on counting the ballots it was found that Mr. Sevier had three votes. Mr. Hicks three votes. Mr Riscoe One vote, & Mr. Beane One vote, no choice made

The House went into the Election of a Door Keeper when on counting the votes, it was found that John L. Laferty was Elected, the house then took a recess untill 4 Oclock —

At 4 Oclock the House met and again proceeded to the Election of a Speaker when on counting the votes it was found that Mr. Sevier had 3 votes, Mr Hicks 3 votes. Mr Bean 1 vote & Mr Riscoe 1 vote. no choice made when the House took a recess untill Tomorrow Morning at 10 Oclock

Tuesday 4th day of October 1825 The House met pursuant to adjournment, a quorum of the members being present, the House was called to order and proceeded to the Election of Speaker on ballotting the result was found to be as follows — Hicks 4 votes. Sevier 3 votes — Bean 1 vote — Risco 1 their being no choice made — The House then proceeded to a Second Election — The votes were as follows — Beane 5 Votes — Hicks 4 votes, whereupon Robert Beane, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives;—

Aaron Hanscome of the County of Miller this day was qualified and took his seat —

A Message from the Legislative Council by the Secy. — Mr. Speaker I am instructed to inform you that Jacob Barkman is elected President of the Legislative Council Thos. W. Newton Secy. and Saml McHenry doorkeeper and are ready to proceed to the Election of Enrolling and Engrossing clerks —

A Message was sent to the Council informing them that the House was ready to proceed to the Election of an Enrolling & Engrossing clerk and public Printer. whereupon the Council having met in the House they proceeded to ballot and the result was as follows for Clerk. James H Lucas had 8 votes & Allen M Oakley had 7 votes & Henry Armstrong 1 votes There being no Election — a new ballot was Ordered. which resulted as follows for Lucas 9 votes for Oakley 6 votes & for Armstrong 1 vote — whereupon James. H. Lucas was duly declared

Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk—
On ballotting for Public printer William E. Woodruff was declared duly elected

The Council having retired to their Room

On motion of Mr Hicks it was Ordered that the regular hour of meeting of this House be 10 Oclock in the Morning

On motion of Mr Wilson it was agreed that the rules & Regulations of the last Session be addopted for the present,

On motion of Mr Lavier it was resolved that 40 coppies be printed for the use of the House—

A Message from the Legislative Council by the Secy— Mr Speaker I am instructed to Inform you that Mr Walker is appointed to act in cooperation with your Committee to wait on the Govr & Inform him that the Legislature is ready to receive any Communication from him

On motion
Meſsrs Hicks & Sevier are Appointed
a Committee to Examine the Auditor &
Treasurers Books & Mr Wilson to inform the
Council thereof

On motion
Meſsrs Hicks & Hanscom are
Appointed a Committee on the part
of this House to draft memorials to
the Congreſs of the U. States and
Mr Wilson to inform the Council
thereof

The Legislative Council having
met in the Hall of the House of
Representatives the Govr Appeared
and delivered the following meſsage

Fellow citizens of the Legislative Council
and of the House of Representatives — To see you
here aſsembled for one of the most important purposes which can bring freemen together, is peculiarly
gratifying — as besides the public advantages
to be expected from your deliberations, the
occasion is afforded me of forming a personal
acquaintance with so many of the respectable
inhabitants of this Territory — your united
wisdom and experience will enable you
to Legislate successfully for the interest of

your constituents and you may depend on the full exertion of my faculties feeble as they may be in cooperating with you for the attainment of this desirable object — We inhabit fellow citizens a portion of the American Empire eminently provided with natural advantages the fertility of the soil a climate favorable to the culture of many valuable productions - the extent of our Rivers which afford a ready communication with the great Emporium of the West - the mineral Treasures with which the interior of our Territory abounds all these insure ample rewards for the exertion of industry and present attractions which cannot fail in a few years of adding abundantly to ~~Our~~ population, to secure for ourselves and Our decendants the full enjoyment of these blessings it behoves us to enact and enforce such laws as will tend to the improvement of our social state, on the discretion and integrity with which this duty is performed will depend the safety and happiness of thousands of human beings now living and of countless numbers yet unborn — I am happy to inform you that the last treaty entered into with the Quapaw Indians is about to be carried into effect, in a few weeks the migration of that tribe to the country South of Red River will commence and a very large body of excellent land vacated by by them will be offered to the enterprise of of Civilised occupants, it is probable that this fine tract of Country will open new and more convenient communications with the Lower Settlements on the Rivers Arkansas and Miſsiſsippi

Of the expected removal of the Choctaw nation from the State of Miſsiſsippi & Alabama to the western part of our Territory I have heard nothing very lately it would be fortunate if an arrangement could be made to establish them beyond our limits; as the location at present fixed upon for them will produce serious inconvenience to a numerous and valuable portion of our countrymen.

In anticipation of these various movements of the Indian tribes, I have endeavored to place the Militia in a condition to afford immediate protection to our Settlements, should any disorder attend the paſsage of these people

In several counties I have met with prompt aſsistance from the Officers; in others, owing to circumstances probably inseparable from the disorganized state of the Regiments and the dispersion of the inhabitants, I have not been equally succeſsful. In the course of a few weeks however I hope to have completed such arrangements as will enable us, in case of emergency, to call out for the general defence, bands of our hardy citizen soldiers, quite competent to repel and punish any insult which might be offered to our Territory. The Road from our infant capital to Memphis, for opening which Congreſs made an appropriation, was surveyed several months ago. The documents neceſsary for acting on the survey had not reached the Department

of War, at Washington in the early part of July – as soon as they should be received, I have been assured that immediate steps would be taken for the accomplishment of this Object, which may be considered as one of the most usefull to this Community and to the Neighbouring States beyond the Mississippi, that can at present be effected. I conclude, fellow Citizens, with repeating my confident hope, that your Counsels will be successfully directed to the rapid improvement of this interesting portion of our Common Country, endowed as it already is by that being, to whom we must all look with humble adoration and thanksgiving, with many of the choicest gifts bestowed on the Works of his Creation Geo. Izard
Little Rock Oct. 4th 1825.

~~On motion of Mr. Sevier a Committee of two was appointed on the part of this House to examine the Auditor and Treasurers Books; and Messrs. Hickey and Sevier were appointed that Committee~~

~~On motion Messrs. Hickey and Hanscomb was appointed a Committee on the part of this House to draft Memorials to Congress~~

On motion of Mr. Wilson, it is ordered that One hundred Copies of the Governors Message be printed for the use of this House —

And the House adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 Oclock

Wednesday 5th October 1825

On Mo, Mr Tevier was discharged from the Committee appointed to Examine ~~the~~ Books of the Auditor & Treasurer, and Mr Biscoe appointed in his stead

Message from the Legislative Council

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform you, that the Legislative Council have appointed Messrs Quarles & Witter a Committee on Memorials to act in conjunction with the Committee from the House of Representatives

(Walker)

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Jeffery

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform you ~~that~~ the Legislative Council have addopted the joint rules and Orders of both Houses of the last Legislature as the rules and Orders of the present Session and ask your concurrence in the same — whereupon the House Concurred in addopting the same

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Millar

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform

you that the Legislative Council have Appointed Messrs Kuy Randall & Miller a committee on their part to Act with the Committee of the House of Repst in Examining the Auditors & Treasurers books

And also that Messrs Quarles, Miller & Calvert, are a committee on the Judiciary.

On moton of Mr Sevier — Messrs Sevier, Hicks & Hanscome was appointed a Committee for the Judiciary

Mr Wilson moved that the hours of meeting of this house should be changed from 10 Oclock untill 9 Oclock, which was agreed to

On Motion of Mr Sevier — Messrs Hynes Montgomery & Sevier was appointed a Committee to examine the validity of James Bells Spanish Claim

On Motion of Mr Hicks — Messrs Hicks & Montgomery was appointed a Committee of Enrolments

On mo of Mr Sevier — Messrs Montgomery Hynes & Wilson was appointed a Committee on ways & means

On mo of Mr Sevier the House took a recess untill 2 Oclock P.M.

Mr. Sevier presented the petition of James Scull praying a repeal of the law levying a tax on unconfirmed lands of this Territory; and the same was referred to a Select Committee, & ordered that Messrs Sevier Hynes & Montgomery be that Committee, with leave to report by Bill or Otherwise.

Mr. Calloway gave notice that on Friday next he would introduce a Bill for the removal of the seat of Justice of Clark County

Mr. Sevier gave notice that on tomorrow he would introduce a Bill, to establish the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski and Arkansas on the South side of the Arkansas River

Mr. Sevier gave notice that on Saturday next he would, introduce a bill, to repeal the second and third sections of the act, "entitled an act to suppress the practice of duelling

Mr. Montgomery laid, before the House the Account of the Auditor and the same was on motion of Mr. Hicks referred, to the Committee appointed to examine the Auditors and Treasurers accounts

On motion of Mr. Biscoe the House adjourned until tomorrow morning 9 O'clock.

Thursday 6th October 1825

Mr. Biscoe, this day presented a petition of Sundry inhabitants of the County of Phillips praying for a division of said County which was on motion of Mr. Biscoe referred to a Select Committee and it is Ordered that Messrs Biscoe Hynes & Calloway be that Committee with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Mr. Sevier, this day agreeable to notice given on yesterday presented a Bill to establish the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski and Arkansas which was read the first time and Ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Sevier gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill giving Mechanicks a lien on buildings when they furnish the materials under certain restrictions.

A Message from the Legislative Council
by Mr Calbert

Mr. Speaker

I am instructed to inform you that Mr. Quarles ~~[illegible]~~ is appointed a Committee of Enrolments on the part of the Legislative Council

On motion of Mr. Biscoe the house took a recess untill 2 Oclock

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on tomorrow he would introduce a Bill to repeal an Act Entitled an Act, Authorising the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas to effect a loan of money for the benefit of said Territory —

And the House Adjourned

Friday 7th October 1825

Mr. Wilson agreeably to notice given on yesterday presented the Bill for repealing a ~~Bill~~ authorising the Govr. to procure a loan of money for the use of this Territory, which was read the 1st time and Ordered to a second reading on to morrow —

Mr. Sevier agreeable to notice given on yesterday, presented a Bill giving Mechanics a lien on Buildings when they found the materials, under certain restrictions — which was read the first time and Ordered to a second reading on Wednesday next

~~Mr. [illegible] agreeably to notice given on yesterday~~

The Bill presented on yesterday by Mr. Sevier for establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski and Arkansas, was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Montgomery the same was refered, to a select Committee, Messrs. Wilson Ayres & Calloway was appointed ~~that~~ Committee

Mr. Wilson gave notice that on Saturday he would ask leave to to introduce a Bill to establish the permanent seat of Justice of Hempstead County

On Motion of Mr. Hicks, It was Ordered that, that part of the Governors Message relating to the Chocktaw Indians, be refered to the Committee on Memorials

And the House Adjourned

Saturday 8th Octr 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Wilson from the Select Committee to whom was referred the bill establishing the boundary line South of Arkansas river between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas — made the following report — The select Committee to whom was referrd the bill establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas South of the Arkansas River — now ask leave to report — That they have had the same under consideration and in our Oppinion the Bill should be amended so as to Commence at the lower mouth of Plum Bayo running across and up the Arkansas to the range line between 8 & 9 thence to the Standard line and thence west with said line to the Saline Creek

On motion of Mr Wilson the Report was subsequently withdrawn

On Motion of Mr Trier the Bill for establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas was committed to a committee of the whole and, made the order of the day for monday next

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On motion of Mr Wilson leave was given him to ~~bring in~~ Introduce a Bill establishing the seat of Justice of Hempstead County on monday next

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Agreeable to notice previously given Mr. Devier introduced a Bill to repeal the second & third sections of an act entitled an act to suppress the practice of Duelling which was read the first time & Ordered to a second reading

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Agreeably to notice previously given Mr Calloway introduced a Bill permanently to locate the seat of Justice in the County of Clark which was read the first time and ordered to a second reading

Monday 16th October 1825

Mr Nicks from the Committee appointed to examine the Books of the Auditor and Treasurer — Reported progress and asked leave to sit again which was granted

Mr Wilson from the Committee of the whole on the bill for establishing the boundary line between Arkansas & Pulaski — Reported progress and asked leave to sit again which was granted — and on motion of Mr Biscoe the Bill was made the Order of the day for monday next

The Bill for repealing the 2d & 3 Sections of the Law on duelling was read the 2d time and on motion that the bill should be engrossed & read a third time tomorrow, it was decided in the negative

Mr Wilson moved to postpone the Bill indefinitely — motion withdrawn

On motion of Mr Nicks the House reconsidered the Vote on the Bill to repeal the 2d & 3d sections of an act entitled an act to suppress the practice of duelling, and on his motion Ordered that the Bill be committed to a select Committee consisting of Messrs Hanscome Levin & Nicks

A Bill for removing the Seat of Justice of Clark County was read the 2d time and ordered to be committed to a Select Committee - Ordered that Messrs Montgomery Calloway & Hynes ~~was~~ be that Committee

Mr Irvin presented Sundry Petitions from the County of Clark praying for the Locations of the Seat of Justice, which was referred to the select Committee to whom was referred the Bill on that subject

Mr Calloway also presented Sundry petitions praying for the removal of the Seat of Justice in said County which was refered to ~~the~~ select Committee to whom was referred the Bill on that subject

Mr Bisco gave notice that on Friday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill Entitled an Act Allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors ~~on Friday next~~

On motion of Mr Hanscome the Bill for repealing the Act Authorising the Govr to Obtain a loan of money ~~was~~ Ordered to lay on the Table agreeable to notice given on Saturday last Mr Wilson introduced a Bill to establish the seat of Justice of Hempstead County which was read the 1st time and ordered to a 2d reading

Mr Sevier gave notice that he would on tomorrow introduce a Bill regulating costs on Criminal Cases in the Superior & Circuit Courts

Mr Wilson gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to be entitled an Act declaring when the death of Persons absenting themselves shall be presumed

And the House Adjourned untill tomorrow at 9 Oclock

Tuesday 11th Octr

The House met pursuant to adjournm

Mr Hicks from the Committee Appointed to Examine the Books of the Treasurer & Auditor reported as follows

The joint Committee from the Legislative Council and House of Representatives to whom was referred the Examination of the Books of the Treasurer & Auditors have had the subject committed to them under consideration, and report as follows towit — On the 16th day of Octr. 1823 there was a Balance of $7250.82½ against the Territory as reported by the Committee raised to examine this subject at the last Session of the Legislature, and those since that time up to the 3d. day of October 1825, warrants were drawn on the Treasurer for the sum of $15.430.94¾

For all the warrants drawn on the Treasurer there are vouchers filed in the Auditors Office which are deemed correct with the exception of the following, towit. Vouchers No. 38. 60. 78. 105 & 18 drawn in favour of Henry Armstrong Sheriff of Pulaski County, in which he has been allowed 3$ pr diem for attendance on the Superior Court, Amounting to the sum of 171$ for which expenditure there is no Allowance made by law, and also the sum of 5$ Over charged for summoning grand jurors, and 1$ Over charged for boarding prisoners which several sums added together amount to $177. with which sums the auditor is chargeable. The Committee on Examination find that the aforesaid sum of $15.430.94¾ has been expended in the following manner towit —

For the expenditures of the Legislature at their October Session 1823 the sum of 3280$, for

Officers Salaries up to the 3d October 1825, the sum of $8466.01, for Special appropriations made by the last Legislature, the sum of $447-14, for storage transportation and repairs of the public arms, the sum of $609.72¾,

For Public printing, the sum of $304 — for the Contingent Expences of the Territory, the sum of $2324.07 which several sums added together make the aforesaid sum of $15.430.94¾, Add to this sum $7250.82½/100 the Amount due by the Territory agreeably to the report of the Committee 16th Octr 1823, and the sum of $1508.51 — the Amount of Interest on redeemed Scrip, now on file in the Treasurers Office and also the sum of 41$ over paid by the Collectors of the Revenue, and it will make the sum of $24.231.28¾ the total Amount of Expenditures —

The receipts of the Territory since the report of the last Committee Amounts to $15.991.13 to which add $177 — charged to the auditor, and it will make the sum of $16.168.13 which sum deducted from $24.231.28¾ the Amount of Expenditures since the 16th of October 1823 and it will leave a balance of $8063.15¾ — The sum which is now due by the Territory —

The Committee feel it their duty in conclusion to report that it appears from the vouchers now on file in the Auditors Office that the sum of

$13.319.18¾ will be due by the several Sheriffs of the Territory on the 1st Decr 1825 and that the further sum of $608.31 is now due by defaulting Officers, which sums added together make the Sum of $13.927.49½ The Amt which will be due to the Territory on the 1st Decr 1825

All the papers & vouchers examined are in the possession of the Committee, subject to the Order of this House ~~[illegible]~~ on motion of Mr Crozier the report was ordered to lay on the table until tomorrow

Mr Montgomery from the select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to be entitled an act Permanently to locate the Seat of Justice in Clark County report that agreeable to Order they have had the same under consideration and after a careful examination of the Petitioners for and against the Bill, are of Opinion that it is the wish of a majority of the Citizens of said County that the ~~[illegible]~~ Seat of Justice should be fixed at the Fourche Cadoos the place designated in said Bill and therefore report the same without amendments — and on motion of Mr Biscoe the Bill was Ordered to be Engrossed and read the 3d. time tomorrow

The Bill for fixing the seat of Justice of Hempstead County was read the 2d time, and on motion of Mr Wilson an amendment was agreed to by the House — and Ordered that the bill be Engrossed and read the 3d. time tomorrow

Mr. Wilson agreeable to notice given on yesterday, introduced a Bill Entitled an act declaring when the death of Persons ~~absconding~~ absenting themselves shall be presumed, read the 1st time — and Ordered to a second reading

Mr. Lewis agreeable to notice given on yesterday introduced a Bill regulating the payment of Costs in Criminal Cases in the superior and Circuit Courts, which Bill was read the first time, and Ordered to a second reading

Mr. Lewis gave notice that on tomorrow he would introduce a Bill to divide the County of Pulaski

Mr. Hanscom gave notice that on Friday next ~~that~~ would ask leave to introduce a Bill fixing the place for holding the Circuit Court of Miller County

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Mr. Wilson, Presented a petition from Esther Wilson praying that the Bonds of Matrimony between her and Thomas Wilson may be dissolved and on motion of Mr Wilson the rules of the House was dispensed with and leave given to introduce a Bill to be entitled an act dissolving the Bonds of Matrimony between Esther Wilson Alias Esther Fowler and Thomas Wilson - which Bill on motion of Mr Sevier, the rules of the House being severally dispensed with, was read a 1st 2d and 3d time and passed and sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence

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Mr Sevier gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to divide the County of Independance

And the House Adjourned until to Morrow at 9 OClock

Wednesday 12th Octr. 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

A Message from the Legislative Council
by Mr Witter

Mr Speaker

I am instructed to inform you that the Legislative Council have passed the Bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act desolving the bonds of Matrimony between Esther Wilson alias Esther Fowler, and Thomas Wilson

And also that there is now before the Council "A bill entitled an Act regulating the Fiscal concerns of the Territory

On motion of Mr Wilson The Bill to be entitled an act declaring when the death of persons absenting themselves shall be presumed, ~~was read the~~ 2d time & on mo of Mr Wilson [illegible] amended — and ~~on m~~ the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a 3d time on tomorrow

On motion of Mr Lewis The Bill to regulate~~ing~~ the payment of Costs in Criminal cases was read a 2d time and, on motion of Mr Seeger was referred to a Committee of the whole, and, made the Order of the day for tomorrow

The Bill giving to Mechanics a Lien on Buildings was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the Order of the day for ~~tomorrow~~ Saturday next

Mr. Rover according to notice previously given, introduced a Bill for the division of the County of Independence, was read the first time, and the rules of the house being dispensed with, was read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole, and made the Order of the day for tomorrow.

The Bill for fixing the seat of Justice of Clark County was read the 3d. time and passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence

The Bill for fixing the seat of Justice of Hempstead County, was read the 3d. time and passed, and sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr. Biscoe from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition from Phillips County praying for a division, presented a Bill which was read the 1st time and Ordered to a 2d reading

Mr Sevier agreeable to notice previously given, introduced a Bill for dividing the County of Pulaski, which was read the 1st time, and Ordered, to a second reading

The Bill to be entitled an Act to ~~for repealing the law authorising the Governor to effect a Loan of money~~ to repeal an act entitled an Act Authorising the Govr of this Territory to Effect a loan of money for the benefit of said Territory. was read the Second time and Ordered to be engrossed, and read the 3d time

On motion of Mr Wilson the report of the Joint Committee Appointed to examine the Treasurer & Auditors Books was Ordered to lay on the table until Tomorrow

And the House Adjourned until 9 Oclock Tomorrow

Thursday 13th Octr. 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Hicks from the committee of Memorials presented a memorial for the settlement of Lovelys purchase which was agreed to and sent to the Council for their concurrance

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Witter

Informing the House, that they have passed the Bill entitled an an Act to locate the Seat of Justice of the County of Clark, with an amendment, to which they ask their concurrance

Mr. Sevier from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Scull, reported a Bill entitled an act to repeal the law levying a Tax or impost on unconfirmed lands, which bill was read the 1st time & the rules of the House being dispensed with, was read the 2d time & committed to a Committee of the whole and made the Order of the day for tomorrow

Mr. Sevier presented the Petition of Joseph Auber praying that the Bonds of Matrimony between him and Sarah Auber Alias Sarah Lindsey, which was refered to a select committee — Ordered Messrs Heynes Calloway & Wilson be that Committee

The Bill for the division of Phillips County was read the second time — Mr Biscoe proposed an Amendment to fill up the blanks with the name of Crittenden, which was agreed to, & the rules of the house being dispenced with, was read a 3d. time and Passed & sent to the Council for their Concurrance

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Witter — Informing the House, that they have passed the bill entitled an act, permenantly to fix the Seat of Justice in Hempstead County, with an Amendment — also that they have agreed to the memorial from the House relative to Soverbys purchace,

The ~~Bills~~ for the division of Pulaski County was read the 2d time, and on motion of Mr Wilson the blanks were filled up with the name of Conway, and on motion of Mr Sevier the rules of the House was dispenced with, and the Bill read a 3d. time & passed & sent to the Council for their Concurrence

The Bill for a dividing of Independance County was read the 3d. time & committed to a Committee of the whole, who reported the same without amendment, & the Bill passed and was sent to the Council for their concurrence

On motion of Mr Sevier the Bill Entitled an Act to fix the boundary line between the Counties of Arkansas & Pulaski was taken up and committed to a committee of the whole — The House went into a committee and having spent some time therein, reported the same with an amendment, which was agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed and read the 3d. time tomorrow

on Mo. of Mr Sevier the bill regulating costs in Criminal Cases Ordered to lay on the table untill tomorrow

On motion of Mr. Biscoe the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Treasur & Auditors Books &c, was taken up and agreed to by the House

Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Quarles — Informing the House that they have passed a Bill Entitled an act to authorise the sale of Lands belonging to the estate of James Moon Decd. to which they ask their concurren

Message by Mr. Calvert from the Legislative Council — Informing the House that they have now befor them a Bill Entitled an act supplementary to the several laws concerning Slaves —

Mr. Biscoe gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the relief of G.W. Scott Auditor of this Territory

Mr. Sevier gave notice that on Monday he would introduce a Bill regulating allowances of the Court to Sheriffs of the Superior & Circuit Courts

Mr Biscoe gave notice that on monday next he would introduce a Bill to locate the seat of Justice in Crittenden County

On motion of Mr Irvin the rules of the House was dispenced with, and leave given him to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Town of Little Rock, which was read a 1st time and Ordered to a second reading

The Bill to be entitled an act declaring when the death of persons absenting themselves shall be presumed — was read a third time and passed, and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

The Bill entitled an act to repeal an act authorising the Govr to Effect a loan, was taken up, ~~Mr Irvin proposed to amend the Bill by adding a preamble which was agreed to and passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence~~ & passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The Amendment from the Council to the Act fixing the seat of Justice of Clark County, was taken up and agreed to

The Amendment from the Council to the Act fixing the seat of Justice in Hempstead County was taken up and agreed to —

A Bill from the Council entitled an Act to authorise the sale of lands belonging to the estate of James Moore Decd was taken up and read the 1st time

on Mo Mr Wilson the rules of the House was dispensed with and the Bill read a 2 & 3 time & passed

And the House Adjourned untill 9 Oclock tomorrow —

Friday 14th October 1825

The House met ~~agreeable~~ pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Sevier from the select Committee, to whom was refered the 2 & 3 Sections of the Act to suppress the practice of Dueling — reported, that they have had the same under consideration, and are of Opinion, the ~~same~~ 2 & 3 Section ought not to be repealed — and on his motion the report, was disagreed to by the House

The Bill to repeal the 2 & 3d Sections of the Act to suppress the practice of Dueling was taken up — and on motion of Mr Biscoe, the Bill was ordered, to lay on the table untill this Afternoon —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Walker Informing the House that they have passed the Bill from the House of Reps. for a division of Pulaski County with some amendments in which they ask your concurrence

Mr. Biscoe agreeable to notice given on yesterday introduced a Bill for the relief of George W. Scott auditor of the Territory which was read a 1st time — and on motion the rules of the House being dispenced with was read a 2d & 3d time and passed — and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

Mr. Biscoe agreeably to notice previously given, introduced a bill allowing compensation to Grand Jurors, which was read the 1st time and Ordered to a second reading on monday next

The Amendments proposed by the Legislative Council to the Bill for a division of the County of Pulaski was taken up — and on motion of Mr. Sevier the 1st Amendment was agreed to by the House — and on Motion the consideration of the 2d Amendment was posponed untill monday next — on motion of Mr Calloway, for a reconsideration of the posponement, it was carried in the afirmative, and on motion of Mr Sevier the 2d Amendment was rejected

Mr. Sevier gave notice that on monday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill entitled an act fixing the time of Holding Courts

~~On motion of Mr Sevier the Bill Entitled an Act to repeal the 2d & 3 Sections of the Duelling Law was taken up, and an Amendment Offered by Mr Sevier which was rejected — Mr. Hicks then proposed an Amendment which was agreed to by the House the Yeas & nays being called for Stood as follows~~

~~Yeas, Hynes. Hanscome. Hicks, Wilson & Speaker 5~~
~~Nays, Biscoe, Calloway. Montgomery & Sevier — 4~~

~~Mr. Sevier then Moved that the Bill should lie on the Table — The yeas and nays being called for Stood as follows —~~

~~Yeas Biscoe. Calloway. Montgomery & Sevier — 4~~
~~Nays Hynes. Hanscome. Hicks. Wilson & Speaker 5~~

Mr. Biscoe gave notice that on monday he would ask leave to introduce a Bill supplementary to the several Laws for the recovery of small debts

Mr. Montgomery gave notice that on monday next. he would ask leave to introduce a Bill. supplementory to the Several laws regulating fiscal concerns

~~And the House adjourned until 9 Oclock tomorrow~~

On motion of Mr Sevier the Bill entitled an Act to repeal the 2d & 3 Sections of the Duelling Law was taken up, and an Amendment Offered by Sevier which was rejected — Mr. Hicks then proposed an Amendment. which was agreed to by the House — the yeas & nays being Calld for stood as follows. to wit. Yeas Messrs. Hynes. Hanscome. Hicks. Wilson & Speaker 5
Nays — Messrs. Biscoe Calloway Montgomery & Sevier — 4

Mr Sevier then moved the House to reject the Bill as Amended, and the Yeas and Nays being Calld for, stood as follows
Yeas Biscoe. Calloway Montgomery & Sevier 4
Nays Hynes. Hanscome Hicks Wilson & Speaker 5

Whereupon on Motion of Mr Sevier the further consideration of the Bill was postponed until friday next —

And the House adjourned until Monday next at 9 Oclock

Saturday 15th Octr 1825

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Jeffery. informing the House that they have passed a Bill entitled an Act authorising Hartwell Boswell to build a toll bridge over Lake Bayo. and ask Your Concurrence in the same — and also that they have passed the bill from the House of Representatives, entitled an Act to repeal an Act authorising the Govr. to Effect a loan

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Kuykendall, informing the House that they have agreed to withdraw the last Amendment to the bill entitled an Act to divide the County of Pulaski and the bill has passed the first Amendment

Mr. Hynes from the select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jos. Huban, reported a Bill which was, read a 1st time and Ordd to a 2d reading and on Motion the bill was Ordered to lay on the table untill thursday next

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Miller informing the House that they have passed the following bills from the House of Representatives "An Act presuming the death of persons absenting themselves", and a Bill for the relief of G. W. Scott, Auditor of the Territory

The Bill for fixing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas was read the 3d. time, and on motion of Mr Montgomy the bill lay on the table untill tuesday next

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Walker informing the House that they have passed a bill Entitled an Act supplementary to the several laws concerning Slaves — and the same is herewith sent for your concurrence

The Bill for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock & other purposes was ~~read the 2d. time and~~ on motion Mr. Hicks the Bill was laid on the table untill Friday next

Mr Montgomery gave notice that on monday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the relief of the several Sheriffs of this Territory

Mr Hicks Offered the following Resolution to wit — Resolved that it be the duty of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to write the word "Satisfied" on the face of each voucher on which the Auditor has issued a warrant, when it shall be the duty of the Speaker to return the same to the Auditor, who shall preserve the same on file in his Office, and that it shall be the duty of the joint Committee appointed to examine the books of the Territorial Treasurer & Auditor to burn all the redeemed Scrip now on hand — which was adopted and sent to the Council for their concurrence

The House went into a Committee of the whole on the Bill entitled an Act to repeal the laws levying a Tax or impost on unconfirmed lands — having spent sometime therein — Reported the same without Amendment and on motion of Mr Briscoe the Bill was read the 3d. time, and on the Question Shall the Bill pass — the yeas & nays being called for stood as follows

Yeas — Briscoe, Hynes, Montgomery & Speaker — 4

Nays — Calloway, Hanscome, Hicks & Wilson 4

So the Bill was rejected

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Jeffery — informing the House that they have agreed to the resolution from the House of Representatives, which requires the Speaker of the House to write the word "satisfied" on the face of each voucher &c." and requiring the joint Committee on the Auditor & Treasurers Books, to burn all the redeemed Scrip now on hand

The House went into a committee of the whole, on the Bill entitled an act securing to Mechanics a Lien on Buildings for their Labour & materials — and having spent some time therein — reported the same with an amendment by striking out the 1st section with the enacting clause, which on motion of Mr Briscoe — was agreed to by the House, so the Bill was rejected

On motion of Mr Wilson the Bill
to repeal the laws laying a Tax or impost
on unconfirmed lands - was reconsidered -
and read a third time and passed and
sent to the Council for their Concurrence

The Bill from the Legislative Council
Entitled an act to Authorise Hartwell
Boswell to build a bridge over Poke
Bayou, was taken up and read a 1st
time, and Ordered to a second reading
and on motion (the rules of the House being
dispensed with severally) was read a
2d & 3d time and passed

The Bill from the Legislative Council
Entitled an act supplementary to the several
laws concerning slaves was taken up
and read a 1st time and Ordered to a 2d
reading

On motion of Mr Montgomery leave was
given him to introduce a Bill entitled an
act disolving the Bonds of Matrimony
between Abraham Dardanne & Harriot Dardanne
which was read a first time and on
motion of Mr Sevier, that the rules

of the House, be dispensed with - and the Bill read a 2d. time - the yeas & nays being called for stood as follows —

Yeas - Calloway. Hanscome. Montgomery. Sevier
Wilson & Speaker 6

Nays Dixon Hynes & Nicks — 3

and on motion again, the rules of the House was dispensed with, and the Bill read a 3d. time and passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence - And the House Adjourned untill monday next at 9 Oclock

Monday 17th Octr. 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Sevier presented a petition of Sam C. Roane, praying for an additional compensation as prosecuting attorney in capital cases in the Superior Court, which was referred to a select Committee - Messrs Sevier ~~Nicks~~ & Wilson, was appointed that Committee, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise

Mr. hicks from the Joint Committee on Enrolments reported ~~as follows~~ that they had carefully examined the following Enroled with the engrosed Bills as passed in the two Houses to wit —

An Act to authorise the sale of Lands, belonging to the estate of James Moore Decd

An Act desolving the bonds of Matrimony between Ester Wilson alias Ester Fowler & Thomas Wilson — A memorial to John Quincy Adams President of the United States of America

An Act permently to locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Clarke —

An Act to repeal an Act authorising the Governor of this Territory to Effect a Loan of Money for the benefit of said Territory

An Act for the division of Phillips County — An Act Entitled an Act to fix permenantly the Seat of Justice in & for the County of Hempstead & for other purposes

An Act to divide the County of Pulaski

An Act for the relief of George W. Scott Auditor of this Territory —

An Act declaring when the death of persons Absenting themselves shall be presumed

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Kuykandall informing the House that they have passed a Bill entitled "an Act to disolve the Bonds of Matrimony between Josiah Weston & Polly Weston, alias Polly Low" and the Bill is herewith sent for your concurrance

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Kuykandall informing the House that they have passed the Bill from the ~~Legislative Council~~ House of Representatives Entitled "An Act to disolve the bonds of matrimony Contracted between Abraham Darden and Harriot Darden

Mr. Biscoe agreeable to notice previously given, introduced a Bill supplementary to an act for the recovery of small debts, which was read a 1st. time and Ordered to a second reading

Mr. Montgomery agreeable to notice previously given, introduced a Bill Entitled an Act, supplementary to the laws in force regulating the fees of Sherriffs, which was read the 1st. time and Ordd. to a 2d. reading

Mr. Sevier introduced a Bill to repeal so much of the act as levies a tax on deeds, mortgages & writs, which was read a 1st time and ordered to a 2d reading

Mr. Sevier asked leave to introduce a bill on tomorrow Authorising William Plunakin, to erect a Tol bridge across the Palarm Bayou

The bill from the Legislative Council entitled "An Act Supplementary to the several laws concerning Slaves was read a second time, and on motion of Mr Wilson the words, to be entitled was stricken out – and the bill read a 3d time & passed and returned to the Council

On motion of Mr Sevier the rules of the House was dispenced with, and the Bill Entitled "an act to regulate the town of Little Rock and for other purposes" was taken up and read a 2d time and after several Amendments was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion of Mr Briscoe the following Resolution was adopted by the House ~~Viz~~ — Resolved that this House will not receive any more petitions for divorces neither will it suffer any bill to be introduced on that subject during the remainder of this Session —

On motion of Mr Briscoe it was Ordd that a Committee be appointed to Enquire what altarations if any are necessary in the revised laws of this Territory. with leave to report by Bill or otherwise —

Ordered that Messrs Hicks & Briscoe be that Committee,

And the House adjourned until 9 Oclock tomorrow

Tuesday 18th October 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Sevier, agreeable to notice given on Yesterday, introduced a Bill Authorising William Flanakin to erect & build a Toll bridge over Palarm Bayou which was read a first time, and the rules of the House being dispensed with, was read a 2d. time and Ordered to be engrossed to be read a 3d time tomorrow

The Bill to dissolve the bonds of Matrimony between Joseph A. Huber and Sarah Huber alias Sarah Lindsey, was taken up and read a second time, and on motion of Mr Hicks, the rules of the House being dispensed with, was read a 3d. time and passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence

The Bill supplementary to an Act for the recovery of small debts, was read a 2d. time and on motion of Mr Wilson, was Ord. to be engrossed and read a 3d. time tomorrow

The Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the several laws in force regulating the fees of Sherriffs, was read the second time, and on motion of Mr Briscoe the Bill was rejected—

The Bill establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas, was read a 3d time— Some Alterations being made, was passed and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

Mr Sevier from the Select Committee to whom was refered the Petition of the prosecuting Attorney, introduced a Bill which was read a first time, and Ord. to a second reading on tomorrow

On motion, the Bill allowing compensation to Grand Jurors, was Ord. to lie on the table untill friday next

The Bill to repeal so much of the Act as levies a Tax on Deeds, Mortgages & writs was read the 2d time— and on motion the Bill was rejected

The Bill for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock & other purposes, was read the 3d. time, and passed, and sent to the Council for their concurrance

The Bill from the Legislative Council entitled an Act to disolve the bonds of matrimony between Josiah Weston & Polly Weston, alias Polly Love - was taken up and read the 1st time / the rules of the House being dispensed with / was read a 2d & 3d time and passed and returned to the Council

Mr. Hicks moved that the hours of meeting of this House should be changed from 9 Oclock, untill 10 Oclock in the Morning - which was agreed to - And the House Adjourned untill 10 Oclock

Wednesday 19th October 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Hicks from the Committee on memorials — presented a memorial to the General Government, relative to the removal of the raft on Red River, which was read a first time — and on motion, the rules of the House being ~~may~~ dispensed with, was read a 2d & 3d time and passed, and sent to the Council for their concurrance.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Miller — Informing the House that they have passed the following resolution, Viz, "Resolved that no bill shall be introduced in either House of the present General Assembly — after Saturday the 22d. inst, and ask your concurrence in the same. — They have also passed a memorial on the Choctaw Treaty, and and ask your concurrance in the same

A memorial to the President of the United States on the subject of the late Choctaw Treaty was Recd ~~[illegible]~~ from the Legislative Council — which on motion, Mr Hicks was read a 1st time and the rules of the House being dispenced with, it was read a 2d & 3d time and passed

A Bill Authorising William Flanakan to erect a Toll bridge across Palan Bayou, was read a 3d time and passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence

On motion of Mr Montgomery the bill for the recovery of small debts was laid on the table

On motion of Mr Hicks the Bill for the relief of the prosecuting attorney was laid On the table —

And the House Adjourned

Thursday 20th October 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Walker, informing the House that they have passed the memorial on the subject of the improvement of the navigation of Red River, which was sent from the House of Representatives

Mr Greer agreeable to notice previously given introduced a Bill to regulate the Judicial districts and the Terms of the Circuit Courts in and for the Territory of Arkansas — which was read a 1st time and Ordered to a second reading.

Mr Hanscom introduced a Bill to be entitled an Act to fix the holding the Circuit Court in Miller County, which was read a 1st time and Ord. to a 2d. reading.

on Mo. Mr Meeks A Bill for the recovery of small debts was taken up & read the 3d. time and passed, and sent to the Council for their concurrence

On motion of Mr. Hicks the House Amended the resolution from the Legislative Council fixing the day after which no Bill Shall be introduced by striking out "Saturday 22d." and inserting in lieu thereof "Tuesday the 25th Inst." and the same was sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr. Montgomery gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill Supplementary to an Act Appointing Commissioners for the building of a Jail in the County of Arkansas

Mr. Haynes gave notice that on Saturday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill, branching the Superior Court of this Territory into 3 Judicial Circuits

A Report was presented from Henry Armstrong & Edmond Hogan Commissioners to Superintend the building of a Jailors House &c together with a Petition which was referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs Montgomery, Hanscom & Wilson.

Mr. Sevier introduced a Bill Apportioning the debt due by the Countys of Pulaski & Conway, which was read a 1st time, and on motion, the rules of the house being dispensed with, was read a 2d time and Ordered to be Engrossed and read a 3d time

Mr. Sevier gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to Exemp certain Articles of Property from Execution

Mr. Biscoe gave, notice that on Saturday next, he would ask leave to introduce a Bill entitled an act ~~Amendatory~~ explanatory to an Act Contained in Guyers Digest, under the Title Jail & Jailors —

Mr. Sevier gave notice that on tomorrow he would introduce a Bill to repeal the law Authorising any person or persons to prove their own Accounts for the sum of Ten Dollars

Mr. Sevier moved the House to instruct the Committee of Memorials to report a memorial to the Congress of the United States asking for the appointment of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court - and for such alteration of the Organic law as will enable the Legislature to compel said Judges to do and perform Circuit duties

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Walker - informing the House that they have passed a Bill entitled "an act regulating the Collection of Taxes in this Territory" - and the same is sent for your Concurrence - and that they have agreed to the Amendment proposed by the House, to the resolution from the Council, saying that no bill shall be introduced into either House after Tuesday next 25th inst.

The Bill for the relief of the prosecuting Attorney for the 3. Judicial district of the Territory of Arkansas was read a 2d. time, and after some Amendments being made, (the rules of the House being dispensed with) was read a 3. time & passed and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

Mr. Dixon Agreeable, to Notice previously given introduced a Bill to locate the seat of Justice in the County of Crittenden, which was read a 1st time — and on Motion, the rules of the House being dispensed with, was read a 2d time, and Ordered to be Engrossed and read ~~Engrossed and sent for the Concurrence~~ a 3d time tomorrow
~~for their Concurrence~~

The Bill from the Legislative Council Entitled an Act regulating Taxes, was ~~tak~~en up and read a 1st time and after some Amendments, the Bill was Ord.d to lie on the Table untill Saturday,

And the House Adjourned

Friday 21st Octr. 1825

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Hanscome from the select Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Commissioners for repairing the Jail and Erecting a house for the Jailor in the town of Little Rock, have had that subject under consideration, reported that they find nothing in the law under which those Commissioners were appointed Authorising them to expend more than five hundred Dollars the sum thereby Appropriated—

The Committee also conceive it, to be neither just nor Expedient to make any further Appropriation out of the Territorial Treasury for those purposes—

Mr. Sevier agreeable to notice given on yesterday introduced a Bill to Exempt from Execution certain Articles of Property, which was read a first time and Ordd. to a 2d. reading—

Mr. Sevier also introduced a Bill (agreeable to previous notice) to repeal so much of the Act as Authorises any person or persons to prove by their own Oaths, their own Account for any sum, which was read a 1st time and Ord: to a 2d reading

On mo Mr. Biscoe, the Bill Allowing compensation to Grand Jurors, was laid on the table until tuesday next

The Bill for regulating the terms of holding the Circuit Courts, was read a 2d time, and on motion of Mr Biscoe, was refered to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs Hicks, Sevier & Biscoe

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Calvert; informing the House, that they have passed the bill from the House of Representatives, Entitled "an act, supplementary to an act for the recovery of small debts

The Bill to repeal a part of the 2d and the whole of the 3d Section of an Act to suppress the practice of duelling, was taken up, and after several amendments were read — The amendment proposed by Mr. Biscoe, was adopted, the yeas & nays being called for stood as follows —

Yeas Messrs Biscoe, Calloway, Montgomery, Sevier & Speaker 5

Nays, Hanscome, Hynes, Hicks & Wilson — 4

On the final passage of the bill, the yeas & nays being cal^{d} for stood as follows—
Yeas Biscoe Calloway Montgomery Sevier & Speaker 5
Nays Hanscom. Hynes. Hicks & Wilson — 4
and the Bill passed and was sent to the Council for Concurrence—

Mr Montgomery agreeable to notice given on yesterday, introduced a Bill entitled an act Amendatory to an Act Appointing Commissioners for the County of Arkansas, which was read a 1st time (the rules of the House being dispenced with) was read a 2d time & Ordered to be Engrossed and read a 3d time tomorrow—

A Bill entitled an Act to fix the holding of the Circuit Court in Miller County, was read a 2d time and Ord^{d} to be Engrossed for a 3d reading

The Bill to Locate the seat of Justice in the County of Crittenden, was read a 2d time, and on motion (the rules of the House being disp^{d} with) was read a 3d time and sent to the Council for Concurrence—

Mr. Nicks asked and obtained leave to introduce a Bill entitled an act legalizing the Acts of Terrence Farrelly, late Sheriff of Arkansas County, which was read the 1st time, and the rules of the house being dispensed with, the bill was read a 2d & 3d time & passed and sent to the Council for concurrance

The bill entitled an act apportioning the debt due by the County of Pulaski between the County of Pulaski & Conway was taken up and read the 3d ~~reading~~ time ~~the bill was rejected — the yeas & nays being calld for stood as follows~~
~~Yeas Biscoe Calloway. Montgomery~~ — and on the question "shall the bill pass," the yeas & nays being calld. for stood as follows~~s~~

Yeas Biscoe. Calloway. Hynes & Irvin 4
Nos Hanscom. Montgomery Nicks Wilson & Speaker 5

and the bill was rejected

The Bill regulating Costs in criminal cases was taken up and on motion of Mr Sevier was laid on the table

Mr Calloway gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill Authorising the Clark of Clark County to call in the County Scrip — and the House Adjourned —

Saturday 22d Octr 1825

The House met, pursuant to adjournment

Mr Hicks from the Committee of Enrolments, Reported that the Committee had carefully examined the following Enrolled Bills, & Memorials ~~and~~ find the same correct — to wit — A Bill Authorising Wm Hankin to build a Toll bridge across the Palam Bayou — A Memorial to the President of the U. States of America relative to the late Chacktaw Treaty — A Memorial to the Honbl. Senate & House of Representatives of the United States of America, praying for an appropriation for the removal of the rafts on red river

The Bill Exempting from Execution certain Articles of personal property was read a 2d. time — Mr. Hicks proposed an amendment which was adopted

The Bill to repeal so much of the act as authorises any person or persons to prove by their Own Oath their Own Accounts for any sum was read a 2d. time — Mr. Hicks then moved for an indefinate posponement of the Bill. which was negatived — and on motion of Mr. Wilson the Bill was refered to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilson Hariscome & Hynes

Mr. Hicks asked and Obtained leave to introduce a Bill Entitled an act concerning the Court House in the County of Independance which was read a 1st. time and on motion of Mr. Biscoe the rules of the House was dispensed with; was read a 2d. time & Ordered to be Engrossed for a 3d. reading

The Bill Entitled an act to fix the ~~following~~ holding of the Circuit Court in Miller County, was read a 3d. time and passed and sent to the Council for Concurrence

A Message from the Legislative Council:-
By Mr Walker instructing the House that they have passed" a Memorial on the subject of the appointment of a "fourth Judge" of the Superior Court, and that they have passed the following Bills from the House of Representatives ~~Viz~~ "An Act to locate the seat of Justice in the County of Crittenden" "An Act establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski and Arkansas south of the Arkansas River" with some amendments in all of which they ask your Concurrence

On motion of Mr Nicks the Bill Intitled "an Act supplementary to the several laws regulating the Collection of Taxes, was taken up and read a 2d. time, and after several amendments, was read a 3d. time and sent to the Council for their Concurrence

A message from the Governor by his private Secty. ~~Mr~~ Noland informing the house that he had approved the following Bills & Memorials, towit:

An Act to repeal the law levying a Tax

or impost upon unconfirmed lands—

An Act to repeal an act Authorising the Governor of this Territory to effect a loan of money for the benefit of said Territory—

An Act permanently to locate the seat of Justice in the County of Clark—

An Act to Authorise the sale of lands, belonging to the Estate of James Moore Decd

An Act to fix permanently the seat of Justice in and for the County of Hempstead and for other purposes—

An Act Authorising Hartwell Boswell, to build a Toll bridge on Poke Bayou—

An Act declaring when the death of persons absenting themselves, shall be presumed,

An Act Supplementary to the several laws Concerning Slaves,

An Act for the division of Phillips County

An Act to divide the County of Pulaski

An Act for the relief of Geo. W. Scott Auditor of this Territory

On motion of Mr Wilson the bill for Apportioning the debt due by the County of Pulaski, between the County of Conway & Pulaski, was taken up, and reconsidered, and on motion of Mr Sevier, was ord to lie on the table & made the Order of the day for Monday next

A Meſsage from the Legislative Council by Mr. Calvert

Informing the house that they have paſsed the Bill from the House of Representatives Intitled "An Act for the division of Independence County" with some Amendments in which they ask your Concurrence —

Mr. Biscoe from the Select Committee to whom was refered the "Bill to regulate the Judicial district and the Terms of the Circuit Courts in and for the Territory of Arkansas" Reported the Bill Amending the 3d. & 4th. Section, — and on motion of Mr. Sevier, was laid on the table untill Monday next

The Bill Intitled an Act Amendatory to an Act Appointing Commiſsioners for the County of Arkansas was read a 3d. time, and after several Amendments was paſsed and Sent to the Council for their Concurrence

Mr. Biscoe Agreeably to previous notice introduced a Bill to be Entitled an Act in Amendment to the Act relative to writs of Certiorari, which was read a 1st time and Ordered to a second reading

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Kuykandall Informing the House that they have concurred with the House of Representatives in passing the bill Entitled an Act to fix the place of holding Courts in Miller County

On motion of Mr. Hicks the Amendment to the Bill from the Legislative Council regulating the Collection of Taxes in this Territory was agreed to by the House

A Message from the Legislative Council Informing the House that they have agreed to all the Amendments made by the House to the Bill Entitled "an Act regulating the Collection of Taxes in this Territory" with with the exception of the one to the 3d Section and second line of the Bill and they have stricken out "two per cent" and inserted in lieu thereof " three per cent" in which they ask your concurrence

Mr. Heynes agreeably to previous notice introduced a Bill branching the Superior Court which was read a 1st time - and on the question Shall the Enacting Clause be stricken Out. the yeas & nays being Cal'd for Stood as follows —

Yeas Messrs. Montgomery. Sevier 2
Nays " Biscoe Hanscom Calloway Hynes Hicks
Wilson & Spraker 7

and on motion was Ordered to be made the Order of the day for Monday next —

And the House Adjourned until Monday

Monday 24th October 1825

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Hicks, from the Committee of ~~Enrolments~~ memorials, introduced a memorial to the Honble. Senate & House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled — praying compensation either in money or lands to be made to those about to be remov'd from Chactaw Lands which was read a 1st time and on motion of Mr Wilson, the rules of the house being dispensed with, was read a 2d & 3d time & passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr. Wilson from the select Committee to whom was referred the Bill Intitled a Bill to repeal so much of the act as authorises any person to prove their own Accounts by their own Oaths for any sum — Report that they have had the same under consideration and deem no Amendments necessary — and on motion of Mr Sevier the Report was agreed to by the House —

The Bill Apportioning the debt due by the County of Pulaski, between the County of Pulaski & Conway, was read the 3d time — and after some Amendments was passed and sent to the Council for concurrence —

The Bill to examp from Execution, certain articles of Property, was read a 3d. time & passed, & sent to the Council for Concurrence

The Bill regulating the holding of the circuit Courts, was read the 3d. time and on motion of Mr. Lewis was Ordd. to lie on the Table

The Bill entitle an act for the division of the County of Independance was read a 3d. time, and on motion the Amendments from the Council was agreed to ~~[illegible] after some [illegible] passed by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to by the house~~, and the Council informed thereof

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Witter informing the House that they have passed the memorial from the house of Representatives "on the subject of the Choctaw Treaty" and also the bill entitled "an act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock & for Other purposes without Amendments

The memorial on the subject of an appointment of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court, which was read a 1st time, and on motion, the rules of the House being dispensed with was read a 2^d. time and after several Amendments was read a 3^d. time and returned to the Council

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Critter Informing the House that they have passed the bill from the ~~Legislative Council~~ House of Representatives entitled "An act to repeal a part of the second and the whole of the third Section of an" Act to suppress the practice of dueling —

The Bill entitled an act concerning the Court house in Independance County was read a 3^d. time and passed and Ord^d. to be sent to the Council for concurrence

~~The Bill entitled an act concerning the Court House in the County of Independance~~

The Bill to repeal so much of the Act as authorises any person or persons to prove by their Own Oath, their Own Account for Any Sum — was read a 3^d time and ~~& on~~ motion to strike out the Enacting clause the ~~Ayes~~ Yeas & nays being Cal^d. for ~~on its pas~~ ~~sage~~ stood as follows — Yeas Messrs. Biscoe. Hanscom. Hynes. Montgomery. Hicks Wilson & Speaker 7 Nays Messrs Calloway & Sevier 2, 9

The Bill branching the Superior Court was read a 2d. time, and on motion, to Strike out the Enacting clause, the yeas and Nays being called for were as follows Yeas Meſsrs Hanscom. Montgomery & Sevier 3 Nays- do Calloway. Biscoe. Hanscom. Nick Wilson & Speaker 6 — and on motion of Mr Wilson the same was laid Over and maid the Order of the day for tomorrow —.

The Bill regulating the holding of the Circuit Courts. was on motion of Mr Sevier taken up and after several amendments, was paſsed & sent to the Council for concurrence —

And the House Adjourned until tomorrow at 10 Oclock

Thursday 25th Octr 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Wilson from the Committee of ways & Means, Reported a Bill to be entitled an act Supplementory to an act to regulate the Collection of Taxes on Millitary bounty lands, which was read a 1st time and on motion Mr. Sevier (the rules of the house being dispensed with) was read a 2d time and on his motion, was refered to a committee of the whole, and made the Order of the day for tomorrow

Mr. Hicks from the Joint Committee on Enrollments Report that they have carefully compared the following Acts with the Engrossed bills and report them to be correct towit

A memorial to the General Government asking compensation either in money or lands for those in Miller & Crawford Counties about to be removed by the late Choctaw Treaty

An Act Supplimentary to the Act for the recovery of Small debts — an Act to locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Crittenden

An Act entitled an act to fix the place

of holding the Court in the County of Miller

An Act supplementary to the several laws regulating the collecting of Taxes

On motion of Mr Sevier Resolved that the resolution heretofore addopted that no bill should be introduced after the 25 Inst. be recinded, and the same was sent to the Council for concurrence

Mr Sevier gave notice that on tomorrow he would ask leave to introduce a Bill concerning Executors & Administrators

The Amendment from the Council to the Bill fixing the boundary line between Pulaski & Arkansas was concurred in by the House and the Council informed thereof

On motion of Mr Briscoe the Bill allowing compensation to Grand Jurors was laid on the table until Thursday next

The Bill branching the superior Court was was taken up, and the House went into a committee of the whole, Mr. Sevier in the Chair, and after some time spent therein the committee rose—

and reported the same, amended by striking out the 1st section with the Enacting clause which report was concurred in by the house —

And the house adjourned untill tomorrow at 10 Oclock

Wednesday 26th October 1825

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Montgomery asked ~~& obtd~~ leave, to introduce a Bill, to be entitled an act authorising the Sherriff of Arkansas County to sell lands for taxes for the Year 1825 —

which bill was read a 1st time and on motion Mr Wilson (the rules of the hse being dispensed with) was read a 2d time, and on his motion the bill was referred to a Committee of the whole and made the Order of the day for tomorrow

Pursuant to notice, Mr Sevier introduced a Bill concerning Executors & Administrators, which was read 1st time — and on his motion (the rules of the house being dispenced with) went to a 2d. reading — and Ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole, and made the Order of the day for Saturday next —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Quarles — informing the House that they have concurred with the House in recinding the Order, which says that no bill shall be introduced into either house after 25th ~~[illegible]~~ Inst — and that they have passed the following Bills — "An act relative to Justices of the Peace" "An Act to punish the crime of Fornication" — And that they have agreed to the amendments to the Memorial on the subject of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court — and that they have Concurred with the house in passing the following Bills "An Act Apportioning

the debt due by the County of Pulaski, between the County of Pulaski & Conway"
An Act amendatory to an Act appointing Commissioners for the County of Arkansas
Approved 29th October 1823

The Bill to be Intitled an act to regulate the collection of Taxes on Military bounty lands, was taken up — And on Motion of Mr. Wilson the house went into a Committee of the whole, (Mr Hanson in the Chair) and after some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the same without amendment — & on Motion of Mr. Hicks, was referred to to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs Wilson Hicks & Servis

A Message from the Governor by his private Secy. Mr. Noland Informing the house that he has approved the following Bills to wit —
An Act Intitled an act to fixing place of holding the circuit Court in the County of Miller
An Act to locate the Seat of Justice in the County of Crittenden

An Act Supplementary to an Act for the recovering of Small debts —

A Bill Authorising William Flanakin to Erect and keep a toll bridge across the Palam Bayou —

An Act Supplementary to the several laws regulating the collection of Taxes —

And the house Adjourned Untill 10 Oclock tomorrow morning

Thursday 27th Octr 1825

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Hicks from the Committee on Enrolments Reported that the Committee have carefully examined & compared the following Enrolled bills, and report them to be correct — to wit

An Act for the regulation of the Town of Little Rock and for Other purposes, —

An Act to repeal a part of the 2d. and the whole of the third Section of an Act to suppress the practice of duelling, —

An Act for the division of the County of Independance, — The Committee further report that they have had under consideration the Engrossed bill to be Entitled an Act Establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas, south of the Arkansas; river, and they find that the Amendment made by the Council in the Original bill, has no Specific collocation, commencement, or termination they therefore deem it their duty to report the fact to the Assembly

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Walker Informing the house that they have Endeavoured to make the Amendments to the bill Entitled an Act Establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas, south of the Arkansas River so Specific as the Legislature may understand them, and ask your concurrance in the same

On motion, Mr Wilson, the bill establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Arkansas & Pulaski, together with the report of the Committee was sent to the council —

Mr Calloway asked & Obtained leave (the rules of the house being dispensed with) to introduce a Bill to be Entitled an Act relation to the County of Clark — which was read a 1st time and Ordered to a 2d reading

On motion, Mr Biscoe the bill Allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors, lie on the table until Saturday next —

The Amendments proposed by the Council to the bill to regulate the Judicial districts, and the terms of the Circuit Courts in & for the Territory of Arkansas, was concurred in by the house. and the Council advised thereof —

The bill to be entitled an act authorising the Sheriff of Arkansas County to sell lands for taxes for the year 1820 — and on motion was Committed to a Committee of the whole — The house then went into a Committee of the whole /Mr Hynes in the Chair/ and after sometime spent therein reported the same as amended, which report was agreed to by the house, and on motion of Mr Hicks ~~was Ordered to be engrossed~~ /the rules of the house being dispensed with/ the bill was read 3d. time ~~for further~~ 3d ~~reading tomorrow~~ and passed and sent to the Council for their Concurrence —

Mr. Wilson asked and Obtained leave /the rules of the house being dispenced with/ to introduce a Bill Entitled an act to repeal an act, establishing the Office of Prosecuting Attorney — which was read a 1st time — and on motion Mr. Hicks to strike out the first section with the Enacting Clause — the yeas & nays being called for stood as follows

Yeas Messrs. Biscoe, Hanscom. Hicks & Sevier — 4

Nays Messrs. Calloway. Hynes. Montgomery. Wilson & Speaker 5

+ A Meſsage from the Legislative Council by Mr Kuykendall — Informing the house that they have concurred in paſsing a Bill to regulate the Judicial districts and terms of the Circuit Court in and for the Territory of Arkans, with Amendments and ask your Concurrance therein —

A Meſsage from the Legislative Council by Mr Kuykendall informing the house that they have concurred in paſsing a bill Entitled an Act concerning Independance County

Mr Briscoe gave notice that on Saturday ~~tomorrow~~ he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to be Entitled an Act Establishing Special Seſsions of the Superior Court

And the house Adjourned untill 10 OClock tomorrow —

Friday 28th Octr 1825 47

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Dixon asked & obtained leave to introduce a Bill (the rules of the house being dispensed with) Entitled an Act to provide for the revision of the laws of this Territory, which was read a 1st time and Ord. to a 2d reading tomorrow.

The Act to punish fornication was taken up and read a 2d time & on motion of Mr. Dixon to strike out the first section with the enacting clause the yeas & nays being called for stood as follows, Yeas Messrs Galloway, Hymer, Montgomery, Sever & Speaker 5 Nays Messrs Dixon, Thomson, Hicks & Wilson 4

A message from the Governor by Mr. Smith informing the house that he has approved & signed the following Acts, viz. An Act to repeal part of the second and the whole of the third section of An Act to suppress the practice of duelling

An Act for the division of the County of Independence

An Act for the regulation of the town of [illegible] roads and other purposes ....

Mr. Sevier from the Committee to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act Supplementary to an Act to regulate the ~~Laws~~ Collection of Taxes on Milatory bounty lands reported a Bill Amending the bill, which was on motion of Mr Biscoe Ordered to be Engrossed as amended, and made the Order of the day for tomorrow—

The Bill to be entitled an Act in Amendment to the Act relative to writs of Certiorari, was read a 2d time & on motion Mr Sevier the third Section of the bill was striken out, and Ordered to be Engrossed and read a 3d time tomorrow—

On Motion of Mr. Biscoe, the Bill to regulate Costs in Criminal Cases, was Indefinately postponed,—

The Bill entitled an Act to repeal an Act Establishing the Office of Prosecuting Attorney was read a 2d time, and on motion Mr Biscoe to Strike out the first Section with the Enacting Clause—The yeas & nays being called for—Stood as follows Yeas Messrs Biscoe, Hanscome, Montgomery, Hicks & Sevier 5.

Nays. Messrs Calloway. Hynes. Wilson & Speaker 4
and the bill was rejected

Mr Wilson asked & obtained leave to ~~Offer~~ introduce
a resolution that no bills shall be introduced
in either house after Saturday the 29th Instant
and the resolution was agreed to and sent
to the Council for concurrence

A Message from the Legislative Council
by Mr Kuykandall — Informing the
house that they have concurred in passing
a Bill entitled an act Authorising the
Sheriff of Arkansas County, to sell lands
for taxes for the year 1825 — and also
that they have concurred in your
Resolution, that no bills shall be
Introduced in either house after Saturday
the 29th Inst

Mr Sevier asked and obtained leave (the
rules of the house being dispensed with) to
introduce a Bill to establish a prosecuting
Attorney for the Superior Court, which
was read a first time, and on motion was
read a 2d time, and after some Amendments
the bill was read a third time, and on
the question shall the bill pass, the yeas

and nays being called for stood as follows — Yeas Messrs. Biscoe Hanscom. Montgomery Sevier & Wilson 5 — Nays Messrs. Calloway. Hynes. Nicks & Speaker 4 — and the bill passed and was sent to the Council for concurrence

The Bill to be entitled an act relative to the County of Clark, was read a 2d time and after some Amendments, was Ordered to be Engrossed and read a 3d time tomorrow

Mr. Biscoe asked & obtained leave to introduce a Bill entitled an act supplementary to the laws in force in the Territory of Arkansas, regulating the fees of Sheriffs/ the rules of the house being dispensed with/ was read a 1st 2d & 3d time — and on the question for the final passage of the bill, the yeas & nays being called for, stood as follows. Yeas Messrs. Biscoe. Calloway, Hynes. Nicks & Wilson 5 Messrs. Hanscom. Montgomery, Sevier & Speaker 4 and the bill passed and sent to the Council for concurrence —

On Motion of Mr Hicks the Bill relative to Justices of the Peace was taken up and read a 2d time, the rules of the house being dispensed with, was read a 3d time and on motion Mr Biscoe to strike out the 1st Section with the enacting clause, the Yeas & Nays being called for, stood as follows

Yeas Messrs Biscoe. Hanscom. Montgomery. Hicks & Shinn — 5

Nays Calloway, Hynes. Wilson & Speaker 4

and the Bill was rejected

On motion of Mr Montgomery the Amendments proposed by the Council, to the Bill Establishing the boundry line between Pulaski & Arkansas Counties, was disagreed to the house, and on Motion Mr Biscoe, Ordered that the Council be apprised thereof.

And the house adjourned untill 10 O'clock

Saturday 29th Octr 1825

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr Hicks from the ~~Select~~ Committee on Enrolments Reported that the Committee, had carefully Examined the following enrolled Bills and find them correct, to wit

A Bill to regulate the Judicial districts & the terms of the ~~Superior~~ Circuit Courts in and for the Territory of Arkansas—

An Act Apportioning the debt due by the County of Pulaski, between the Counties of Pulaski & Conway,—

An Act to exempt from Execution Certain articles of ~~Personal~~ Property

An Act Amendatory to an Act Appointing Commissioners for the County of Arkansas approved 29th Octr 1823—

A Memorial to the United States of America asking for the appointment of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court—

Mr Sevier asked & obtained leave (the rules of the house being dispenced with) to introduce an act Authorising Creditors to issue Execution upon their judgments, at any time within the term of five years, which was read a first time, and on Motion of Mr Hicks,

/the rules of the house being again dispenced with/ was read a 2d & 3d time & passed and sent to the Council for their Concurrance

Mr. Biscoe pursuant to notice introduced a bill to be entitled an Act Establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court, which was read a 1st time and on his motion /the rules of the house being dispenced with/ was read a 2d time, and on Motion of Mr Levins, was Committed to Committee of the whole and made the Order of the day for Monday next.

Mr. Biscoe asked & Obtained leave /the rules of the house being dispenced with/ to introduce an Act giving to retailors of merchandise the privaledge of Retailing ardent Spirits, which was read a 1st time, and on Motion /the rules of the house being again dispenced with/ was read a 2d time and Ordered to to be engrossed and made the Order of the day for Monday next.

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Ritter informing the house that they have had under consideration the bill entitled an Act Establishing the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas South of Arkansas River and that they adhere to the Amendments, previously made by the Legislative Council

The bill to be entitled an Act Supplementary to an Act to regulate the Collection of Taxes on Militory bounty lands, was read a 3d time and after some Amendments, passed and sent to the Council for Concurrance

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Walker Informing the house that they have passed a Resolution respecting a memorial to Congress asking for the Appointment of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court

Mr Biscoe Asked & Obtained leave / the rules of the house being dispensed with / to introduce an Act Supplementary to the ~~[illegible]~~ revenue Laws of this Territory, which was read a 1st time, and on motion / the rules of this House being again dispensed with / it was read a

2d & 3d time, and on the question shall the Bill pass, the yeas & nays being called for stood as follows — Yeas Messrs. Biscoe Calloway. Hynes, Montgomery. Hicks. Sevier & Speaker 7 — Nays Messrs. Hanscom & Wilson — 2 — and ~~the~~ the Act was sent to the Council for Concurrence

Mr. Montgomery moved that the house of Representatives adhere to the disagreement, to the Amendment from the Council in relation to the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas — and on the question being put — the yeas & nays being called for, stood as follows — Yeas Messrs. Biscoe Calloway. Hynes. Montgomery & Hicks 5 — Nays, Messrs. Hanscom Sevier. Wilson & Speaker 4 — and the Council apprised thereof

The house went into a Committee of the whole (Mr. Wilson in the Chair) on the Bill concerning Executors & Administrators, and after some time spent therein the Committee rose & reported the same with some Amendments ~~which~~ on Motion Mr. Sevier the bill was ordered to be ingrossed and go to a 3d. reading on Monday next —

3 A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Walker — Informing the house that they adhere to their Amendment respecting the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas, and ask a Committee of conference, and have on their part appointed Messrs Wright & Mitter, to act in conjunction with such Committee as may be appointed on the part of the house —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Quarles — Informing the house that they have passed the bill entitled an act Supplementary to an act to regulate the Collection of Taxes on Military bounty lands with an Amendment thereto — And they have also passed a Bill Entitled an act Allowing Compensation to the members of the General Assembly and ask your concurrence in the same.

Mr. Biscoe pursuant to previous notice introduced a Bill Explanatory to an Act in Geyers digest of the laws of Missouri, under title Jail and Jailors, which was read a 1st time and ordered to a 2d. reading

The Amendments to the bill, to be entitled an Act Supplementary to An Act to regulate the Collection of Taxes on Military Bounty Lands was agreed to by the house, and the Council informed thereof

~~The bill from the Council, to be entitled an act Allowing Compensation to the members of the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas and their Officers was read a 1st time, and on motion, the rules of the house being dispensed with, was read a 2d & 3d. time, and Amended and the Council informed thereof~~

The Bill to be entitled an act in Amendment to the act relative to writs of Certiorari, was read a 3d. time & pass'd and sent to the Council for concurrence

The Resolution from the Council respecting a Memorial to Congress asking for the Appointment of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court was read a 1st time and on Motion of Mr Hicks (the rules of the house being dispenced with) was read a 2d. & 3 time and passed and the Council advised thereof.

The Bill from the Council, to be entitled an act Allowing compensation to the members of the Genl. Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas and their Officers was read a 1st time and on motion (the rules of the being dispenced with) was read a 2d. time and on Motion Mr Montgomery to strike out the word four and insert in lieu thereof the word five as a compensation to the Engrossing & Enrolling Clks. The yeas & nays being called for stood as follows—

Yeas Messrs. Hanscom. Hynes. Montgomery. Hicks & Speaker 5—

Nays Messrs. Biscoe. Calloway. Sevier & Wilson 4

and the Council apprised thereof

Monday 31st October 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment

A Message from the Governor by [illegible] B. Smith Esqr. informing the house that he has approved the following bills, towit,

1 An Act concerning the Court House in Independance County.

2 An Act to exemp from execution certain articles of Personal property,

3 An Act to regulate the Judicial districts and the terms of the Circuit Courts in & for the Territory of Arkansas

4 An act Apportioning the debt due by the County of Pulaski, between the Counties of Pulaski & Conway

5 An Act Amendatory to an act appointing Commissioners for the County of Arkansas Approved October 29th 1823,

The Memorial to the Congress of the U. States for a a new Organisation of the Superior Court shall be forwarded to the delegate from this Territory without delay

Mr. Biscoe moved to reconsider the bill to be entitled an act, Supplimentary to an act to regulate the collections of Taxes on Milatory lands passed this House, and was sent to Council and Amended, by inserting a word in the deed, by them, and the House afterwards agreed to said Amendments and on motion of Mr. Sevier the Yeas & nays were Called for stood as follows. Yeas Messrs. Biscoe Calloway, Hanscom Heynes & Nicks 5 Nays Messrs. Montgomery. Sevier. Wilson & Speaker 4 and on Motion of Mr. Biscoe to Amend the bill, the yeas & nays being Called for stood as follows Yeas. Biscoe. Hanscom. Calloway. Hynes. Nicks & Speaker 6

Nays Montgomery. Sevier & Wilson 3 — And the Council informed thereof

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Walker informing the house that the Committee of Conference appointed by the Council on Saturday last, to whom was refd to the bill to establish the boundary line between the Counties of Pulaski & Arkansas, Report that they have had the same under consideration, and have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council —

Mr Sevier moved that the house should agree to the report of the Committee on the division line ~~of~~ between Pulaski & Arkansas Counties, the Yeas & nays being called for were as follows Yeas. Hanscom. Sevier Wilson & Speaker — 4
Nays. Dison. Calloway. Hynes. Montgomery & Hicks 5
and the Council informed thereof

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Kirkendall, Informing the house that they have concurred with the house of Representatives, in passing the following bills,
An Act supplementary to the revenue laws of this Territory— and an act Authorising creditors to issue executions upon their Judgments at any time within the term of five Years, —
I am further instructed to inform you that they have concurred with the house in passing a Bill entitled an Act Supplementary to the Laws in force in the Territory of Arkansas regulating the fees of Sheriffs, with an Amendment

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr McCotter — Informing the house that they have passed the bill from the house of Representatives, Entitled an Act Allowing ~~the~~ Commissioners for locating the seat of Justice in the County of Clark and giving ~~a name to said seat of Justice~~

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Quarles — Informing the house that they have disagreed to the Amendment made by the house to the bill Entitled an act allowing compensation to the members of the Genl. Assembly —

A Message from the Legislative Council by mr McCotter — Informing the house that they have concurred with the house in passing a Bill entitled an act relative to writs of Certiorari

On motion, Mr Hicks the bill Entitled an act concerning Executors & Administrators was taken up and read a 3d. time and passed, and and sent to the Council for concurrence —

The Bill to be Entitled an act giving to retailers of Merchandise, the privilege of retailing Ardent Spirits, was read a 3d. time, and after some Amendments was passed and sent to the Council for concurrence

The Bill Explanatory to an act in Geyers Digest of the laws of Missouri under the title Jails & Jailors was read a 2d time and on motion the rules of the house being dispensed with, was read a 3d time & passed & sent to the Council for their concurrance

On motion, Mr. Biscoe
The Bill allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors was taken up (the rules of the house being dispenced with) and was read a 2d time, and on his motion (the rules of the house being again dispenced with) was read a 3d time, and on the question shall the bill pass— the yeas & nays being cald for were as follows— Yeas Messrs. Biscoe Hanscom Hynes. Montgomery. Hicks, Sevier & Speaker 7 Nays Messrs. Calloway & Wilson 2— and the bill was sent to the Council for their concurrance

The house went into a committee of the whole (Mr. Sevier in the Chair) on the bill entitled an act establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court, and after sometime spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the same as amended— and on motion Mr. Biscoe that the house concur in the report of the Committee, which motion was carried in the affirmative ~~negatived~~ ~~and~~ on his motion to have the bill engrossed and read a 3d time tomorrow the yeas & nays being called for stood as follows— Yeas Messrs. Biscoe, Calloway. Hynes Hicks & Speaker 5— Nays. Hanscom. Montgomery Sevier & Wilson 4— and the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a 3d time tomorrow

On motion of Mr Biscoe, the amendment to the bill entitled an act Supplementary to the laws in force in the Territory of Arkansas regulating the fees of Sheriffs was taken up, and on the question shall the amendment proposed by the Council be concurred in— the

Yeas & nays being called for stood as follows — Yeas Messrs Hanscome, Montgomery Hicks. Sevier. Wilson & Speaker 6 — Nays Messrs Biscoe. Calloway & Hynes 3 — and the Council informed thereof,

And the House adjourned untill 10 Oclock tomorrow —

Tuesday 1st November 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment,

Mr. Hicks from the Joint Committee on Enrolments; reported the following bills as correct, to wit

An Act Authorising the Sheriff of Arkansas County to sell ~~Lands~~ for Taxes for the Year 1825

An Act Allowing Compensation to Commissioners locating the seat of Justice for the County of Clark & giving a name to said Seat of Justice,

A Resolution Allowing the Governor to call a Special Session in the Event of the Appointment of a fourth Judge of the Superior Court, —

An Act in Amendment to the Act relative to Writs of Certiorari, —

An Act Authorising creditors to issue executions upon their Judgments at any time within the term of five years, —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Walker — Informing the House that they have passed an Act Explanatory to an Act in Geyers Digest of the laws of Missouri, under title Jail & Jailors — and also a bill Allowing compensation to Grand Jurors, with an Amendment and ask Your concurrance

On motion of Mr Sevier to instruct the Committee of Enrolments to have enrolled, the the bill which was passed on Saturday last relative to the collection of Military bounty lands & which after its passage was again taken up and destroyed. The Yeas & nays being called for stood as follows — Yeas. Messrs Montgomery Sevier & Wilson 3 — Nays Messrs Biscoe. Calloway. Hanscom. Hynes. Hicks & Speaker 6

On motion of Mr Biscoe the house adhered to their Amendments allowing 5$ a day to the Clk of the House of Representatives & Secy. of the Council & Engrossing & Enrolling Clks. and the Council advised thereof

Mr Sevier moved that the House concur in the Amendment by the Council to the bill dividing the Counties of Arkansas & Pulaski which motion was decided in the affirmative and the Council informed thereof

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Walker Informing the house that they adhere to the report of the Committee, relation to the line betwen the Counties of Arkansas & Pulaski, South of the Arkansas River, — And also, that they have postponed indefinately the bill Intitled an act supplementary to an act to regulate the collection of Taxes on Military bounties

A message from the Legislative Council by mr Quarls informing the house that they have concurred with the house of Representatives, in passing an act Intitled an act concerning Executors & Administrators

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Witter Informing the house that they have disagreed to the Amendments made in the house of Representatives to the bill entitled an act Allowing Compensation to the members of the General Assembly and their Officers — I Am further instructed to inform You that Messrs. Witter and Harrington are appointed a Committee of Conference, to Act in conjunction with such Committee as may be Appointed in your house relative to the Compensation bill

The Bill to be entitled an act Establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court, was read a 3d time — Mr. Sevier moved to amend the 3d Section of the bill Establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court, in Order to compell the Clerks of said Circuits, to keep their Offices within one mile of the Court House, which motion was lost — Mr Sevier then moved to amend said section so as to compel the Clerk to keep his Office in the County where such Court was held, which motion was lost — Mr. Sevier then moved to amend the aforesaid Section so as to compel said clk to keep his Office within the Territory of Arkansas, and the being cal'd for Yeas & Nays stood as follows — Yeas Messrs. Hanscom, Montgomery. Sevier & Wilson 4 — Nays Messrs Beacon. Calloway. Hynes. ~~Aitkin~~ & Speaker 4 and after the second and third reading the Bill was sent to the council for their concurrance —

On Motion Mr. Wilson a Committee of conference was appointed by the house to act in conjunction with the Committee from the council on the compensation bill, Messrs Hicks & Hanscom were appointed that Committee, —

Mr. Hicks asked and obtained leave to introduce a Resolution, relative to the publishing & distributing the laws passed at this Session of the Legislature, which was read a 1st. time — the rules of the house being dispensed with, was read a 2d & 3d. time and sent to the Council for concurrance

Mr. Hicks from the Committee on Enrolments Reported that the Committee have carefully examined, an Act concerning Executors & Administrators, and find the same Correct, —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Walker Informing the house that they have concurred in passing a bill entitled an act Establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court — and that they have adopted the resolution respecting the appropriation made for printing the Journals & Laws, —

Mr. Riscoe moved that the house concur in the amendment to the bill Allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors, which motion was decided in the affirmative — ~~and on motion Mr Harris, leave the absent members had a right to vote on the question now before the house — The yeas & nays being called for were as follows Yeas Messrs Harrison, Montgomery, Irving & Wilson 4 Nays Messrs Riscoe, Holliday, Kipp, Hicks & Speaker 5~~ and the Council informed thereof —

And the house adjourned until 10 Oclock tomorrow —

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Wednesday 2d. Octr. 1825

The House met pursuant to adjournment —

A message from the Legislative Council by Mr Calvert — Informing the house, that they have passed a Bill entitled an Act making Appropriations for the Years 1826 & 1827 — and ask Your concurrence in the same

Mr. Hicks from the Joint Committee on Enrolments Reported that the Committee have carefully Examined the following Acts & Resolution and find the same to be correct, to wit

A Resolution relative to printing the laws of this Session —

An Act Supplementary to the Revenue laws of the Territory of Arkansas

An Act Allowing Compensation to Grand Jurors.

An Act supplementary to the laws in force in the Territory of Arkansas regulating the fees of Sheriffs. —

An Act Explanatory to an act in Geyers Digest of the laws of Missouri under title Jail & Jailors

The Act from the Council making Appropriations for the Years 1826 & 27 was read a 1st time and after some Amendments (the rules of the house being dispensed with) was read a 2d & 3d time and passed and sent back to the Council

On Motion Mr. Wilson, the Committee on Enrolments, was appointed a Committee to wait on the Governor and inform him that the General Assembly would adjourn on tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock unless he had some farther communication to make,

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr Walker — Informing the house that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the house of Representatives, to the bill, Entitled an act making Appropriation for the Years 1826 & 1827.—

A Message from the Governor by his private Secy, Col. Irwin, Informing the house that he has approved the following bills &c.
An Act Concerning Executors & Administrators
An Act Allowing Compensation to the Commissioners locating the Seat of Justice for the County of Clarke,—
An Act Authorising the Sheriff of Arkansas County to sell lands for Taxes for the Year 1825
An Act ~~relat~~ Amendment to the act relative to writs of Certiorari —
An Act Authorising creditors to issue executions upon their Judgments at any time within the term of five years
A Resolution respecting an extra Session of the Legislature under certain contingencies —

Mr. Hicks from the Joint Committee on Enrolments
Report, that they have had under consideration & examination the following Acts, and report them correctly enrolled — towit,
An Act, making Appropriation for the years 1826 & 1827 —
An Act Establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court, —

An Act Allowing Compensation to the Members of the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas and ~~their~~ Officers, —

A Message from the Legislative Council by Mr. Critter, informing the house that they have passed a resolution, relative to an allowance to W. Woodruff for printing the Journals of the present Genl. Assembly in which they desire your concurrance —

The Resolution from the Council for printing ~~was taken~~ 650 coppies of the Journals of the present Session, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Wilson shall the resolution pass — the Yeas & nays being called for stood as follows — Yeas Messrs. Biscoe. Calloway. Hynes. Montgomery. Hicks & Speaker 6 — Nays Messrs. Hanscom [illegible] & Wilson 3, —

Mr. Biscoe introduced a resolution that the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas be Authorised, to have printed 500 Coppies of the Militia law as contained in Geyers Digest — and on the question Shall the Resolution pass, the Yeas & nays being Called for Stood as follows — Yeas. Messrs. Biscoe. Hanscom. Hynes. Hicks. Sevier. Wilson & Speaker 7 — Nays — Messrs. Calloway & Montgomery 2 — and the Council advised thereof —

And the house adjourned until 10 Oclock to morrow —

Thursday 3d. November 1825

The house met pursuant to adjournment

Mr. Hicks from the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor & inform him that the Genl. Assembly was ready to adjourn, Report that they had performed the duty assigned them and that they were informed by the Governor that he would at 10 Oclock this morning

A Message from the Legislative Council informing the house that they have concurred with the house in passing a resolution Authorising the Governor to have 500 Coppies of the Millia law printed

A Message from the Govr. by his private Secy. Coln. Sevier, informing the house that he has approved the following Acts, to wit.

An act making appropriation for the Years 1826 & 27

An act Explanatory &c. respecting Sheriffs Fees

An Act for the Compensation of the members of the Legislature

An Act for the Compensation of Grand Jurors

An Act Explanatory to an act in Geyers Digest

An Act supplementary to the Revenue laws of this Territory

A Resolution respecting the printing the laws, &c.

A Resolution for Printing the laws &c.

A Resolution Respecting publishing the Militia laws.

The Governor by his private Secy — Col. Squire delivered to both houses of the Legislature who were convened in the ~~Representative~~ Hall for the purpose the following Message —

Fellow Citizens of the L Council of the House of Representatives, —

All the acts passed during your present Session have been approved, with the Exception of that Establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court, and of those relating to Divorces, On the latter Subject I am decidedly of Opinion that, in all instances, judicial Legislation ought to provide an application to the Legislature, upon the Observance & duration of the Matrimonial Engagements depend the most important attributes of civilized life, not the individuals alone, immediately concerned, are affected by the dissolution of the Contract into which they have entered, but the characters and well being of the Children and near relations are inevitably compromitted by the event, Deeply impressed with this Opinion, I feel it my duty to withhold my Approval from the Acts in question, —

The Act Establishing Special Sessions of the Superior Court would, in the present Circumstances of the Territory, involve in its execution greater Expense than is advisable, Other Inconveniences would attend it, the provisions on the subject of Prosecuting Attorneys & Clerks are liable to many Objections, —

The labours, which have occupied Your time for some ~~times~~ weeks past, are now ended, You will carry to Your homes the Gratifying consciousness of having faithfully performed Your duty to your Constituents, and of being, under Providence, the Instruments of Good to Your Counties, My best wishes accompany You on Your return to Your respective Counties; and I cannot take leave of you without Fellow citizens assuring you of my satisfaction with your public Acts and of my warm sense of the Courtesy & Confidence which have marked your Intercourse with me personally

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The Speaker having retired from the chair and Mr Hanscom placed in it

On Motion of Mr Wilson,

Resolved that the thanks of this house be given to Robert Bean for the able, impartial and dignified manner in which he has performed the duty of the chair

A Message from the Council by Mr Kuykendal informing the house that the Council have now gone through all business demanding their attention and are ready to adjourn Sine die.

And the House adjourned Sine die

Robert Bean
Speaker of the house of Representati